



Secretary of State Jason Kander
Election Review
April 25, 2013

**Voting History of the Webster County April 2, 2013
General Municipal Election – Fordland, Missouri**

Background

After discussion with the county clerk of Webster County, Missouri, the Secretary of State's office began a review of the voting history records of Webster County voters that had cast ballots in the April 2, 2013 general municipal election as entered by the local election authority into the state's computerized voter registration database. The Secretary of State's office was informed by the local election authority that residents in the jurisdiction had raised concerns that some registered voters in Fordland, Missouri may have cast two

ballots. As a result, the purpose of the Secretary of State's review was to determine whether any registered voters successfully cast both absentee and in-person ballots on Election Day. This review centered on the city of Fordland, Missouri, where the mayoral race had been decided by three votes. (Karen Bliss, *Fordland voters choose new mayor*, SOUTH COUNTY MAIL, Apr. 14, 2013, http://southcountymail.com/news/fordland-voters-choose-new-mayor/article_60fb011e-a2cb-11e2-ba8a-0019bb2963f4.html.)

Findings

In order to determine whether any registered voters had voted both in-person and absentee ballots in Fordland, Missouri, the Secretary of State's office compared the full list of registered voters in the city of Fordland, Missouri to the historical record of registered voters that had voted in the April 2, 2013 general municipal election using the voting history as entered by the local election authority into the state's computerized voter registration database.

These records were examined to compare the individuals that had cast absentee ballots to those that had voted in-person. After this review, the Secretary of State's office determined that no registered voter that had voted in the April 2, 2013 general municipal election in the city of Fordland, Missouri had cast both an in-person and absentee ballot. The Webster County clerk has been informed of the Secretary of State's office findings.